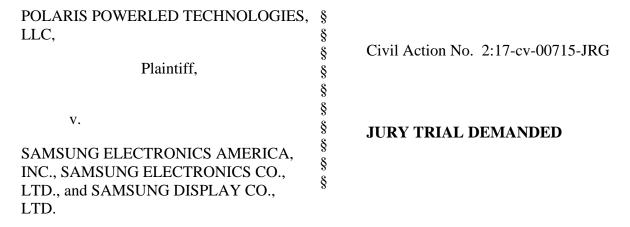
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION



Defendants.

AMENDED DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Current Deadline	Proposed Deadline	Description
June 24, 2019		*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
June 3, 2019		*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
May 17, 2019	May 29, 2019	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer
		The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

<u>Notice of Mediator</u>: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

<u>Motions</u>: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall submitted on a single flash drive. These copies shall be delivered as soon as briefing has completed.

<u>Indefiniteness</u>: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

<u>Motions for Continuance</u>: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order ("DCO"): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties' Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under "Amendments to the Docket Control Order ('DCO')."

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 8th day of May, 2019.

RODNEY GILSTRAP

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE